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1. Location: The airfield was located close to the Lodenau-Noes border area, and adjoined the Neisse River in the east. The city of Bremenham was situated west of the field, and Neusorge in the northwest. The city of Rothenburg lay southwest of the airfield.
2. Runway Data: The runway was more than 9,300 feet long and 270 feet wide. The oval perimeter track as well as the runway were covered with 8 inches of gravel and 16 inches of concrete.
3. Electricity: A power station near the Neisse River supplied the airfield with electricity.
4. Fuel Tanks: Eight fuel tanks, originally delivered in March 1953 and believed to be old Wehrmacht stock, were located on a hillside at the southern outskirts of Lodenau. In July 1953, when the containers were emplaced, it was found that someone had poured tar inside, and had thereby rendered them useless. At the time of observation, no other tanks had arrived.
5. Occupation: There were no aircraft on the field at the time of observation. Construction work was directed by Bau-Union Sued, and was carried out by 900 hired workers and 2,500 convicts. It was rumored that the field was intended for use by East German military aircraft.

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